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1. There are three telephone circuit lines between Rumania and the Soviet Union. These circuits were installed by German Army signal troops during World War II and can carry as many as 50 simultaneous calls. The circuits originate in the Central Bucharest office and cross the Rumanian-Soviet border at Iasi, Husi and at Hotin¹. It is believed that the circuits terminate in Moscow.
2. The control and the maintenance of these circuits within Rumanian territory is the responsibility of the Rumanian Telephone Company.
3. The circuits are German military type wire with a steel core and copper sheathing. The diameter is 3 millimeters.
4. As of the spring of 1951, the operating condition of these circuits was described as satisfactory.

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1. Comment: Hotin is not on the Rumanian-Soviet border but about 40 kilometers inside the USSR.

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